

EMERGENCY.....why that is a Ham's middle name.

Uncle Sam calling. A National emergency this time...unlimited. It took a lot of black headlines and some strong legislation before Americans were awakened, stirred to action. But not the amateur radio operator. Like the Navy, he is always ready. Emergency is, in fact, his middle name.

TODAY no branch of the Service is without its amateur radio operators. Hams have been called to active duty in the U.S. Navy, the Merchant Marine, the Army Signal Corps, the FBI. Still other amateurs are standing by, at their posts, awaiting special orders. Indeed, when the history of this war is recorded, the American ham--his readiness, willingness and fitness to help get on with the job of building a strong national defense through an efficient armed force.--must rank high among citations for distinguished service.

The qualified amateur, answering the call to the colors, is already trained. He knows the code. He knows too, because his middle name is Emergency, how important in radio communication is dependable equipment.

The above was written in 1942 ARRL Handbook.

The thought and intent was then as it should be now, that a trained pool of radio operators is best for this Country's Defense. A most sad day was when the Services decided to do away with Code.

Code is still the back bone of Communications when all else fails.

Lowering the Code requirement for being an amateur radio operator should never happen. Raising the requirement back to what it was in the past, would insure a trained pool of operators were on hand when needed.

No, this is not WW-II, but then we do not know when WW-III will be do we ?

To those who think Sat Links and computers will get us by during the next War are sadly mistaken.

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